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COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 214
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 11:00 a.m., 4 November 1960

PRESIDING

James Q. Reber
Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT

Col. L. E. May, USAF
Deputy Chairman
Mr. H. C. Brown, OSD
Col. T. L. Fisher, JCS
Col. J. W. Boucher, OACSI

Capt. F. M. Murphy, ONI
Col. J. W. Winterbottom, AFCIN
[redacted] NSA
Mr. W. A. Tidwell, Jr., CIA

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Mr. J. T. Hughes, OACSI
Mr. E. G. Boyle, Jr., ONI
Maj. G. S. Chapman, AFCIN
Maj. S. J. Moran, AFCIN
[redacted]

Mr. A. C. Lundahl, CIA
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Mr. F. A. Voigt, CIA

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Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting (COMOR-M-3)

1. The Air Force requested the minutes to show that with regard to handling ZEBUB material they had preferred in the first instance that it be classified SECRET NOFORN, or as a second choice TOP SECRET, and only as a last resort the TALENT System. Colonel May noted that these views had been expressed at the USIB when the proposal for handling this material was being considered as set forth in the paper [redacted]

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[redacted] Sanitization Procedure [redacted]

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2. The Committee amended the recommendation of the reference paper which is reissued with amendments as an agreed COMOR paper [redacted] Revised and Final).

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3. The Navy called attention to a proposal which it plans to take forward to the JCS which would permit the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet to take action to obtain photographic coverage of the area of concern in the reference. Colonel Fisher of the JCS indicated that the views of the COMOR as to the importance of their requirements in this area would be helpful in presenting the Navy proposal to the JCS. The Committee agreed that the Chairman should forward a statement of these requirements to Colonel Fisher for his action. In essence, all members of the Committee were interested in obtaining information on the area in question. Except for the Army which has an urgent need, they did not consider their needs sufficient to press at this time for urgent coverage. The memorandum to Colonel Fisher is set forth as COMOR-D-25,

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Proposal to Downgrade and Release TALENT Photography of Areas other than USSR

4. The Committee agreed that an Air Force draft submitted at the meeting on the above subject more adequately reported their views than the draft distributed by the Chairman as COMOR-D-22. This paper will be distributed as COMOR-D-22/1 addressed to the United States Intelligence Board. The COMOR members are requested to examine the paper immediately upon receipt and promptly inform the Chairman if any modifications are required. The Chairman stated he would seek to get this matter on the agenda of the USIB for Tuesday, November 15.

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5. The Committee approved the reference paper.

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JAMES Q. REBER

Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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